

# 1. King Oedipus: An Archetypal Hero

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## **Abstract:**

*Classic works of art are the ones read and analyzed by different scholars in academic discussion since they have always inspired the modern writers to produce their masterpieces. The story of King Oedipus is one of those stories which has been used, whether directly or indirectly, by famous writers to deepen the meanings of their writings. Though he is a failed man at the end, Oedipus can be considered a hero archetypically. By applying an archetypal analysis of the play King Oedipus, written by Sophocles, the present study tends to illustrate how, in spite of all those failures, he can be a hero.*

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